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purifier, it is very much superior to any other preparation of Sarsaparilla. All persons of scrofulous or consumptive tendencies, and especially delicate children, are sure to be greatly benefited by its use." J. W. Starr, Laconia, Iowa, writes: "For years I was troubled with Scrofulous complaints. I tried several different preparations, which did me little, if any, good. Two bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparika effected a complete cure. It is my opinion that this medicine is the best

of the day." C. E. Upton, Nashua, N. H., writes: "For a number of years I was troubled with a humor in my eyes, and unable to obtain relief until I commenced using Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I have taken several bottles, am greatly benefited, and believe it to be the best of blood purifiers." R. Harris, Creel City, Ramsey Co., Dakota, writes: "I have been an intense sufferer, with Dyspepsia, for the past three years. Six months ago I began

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for the prompt relief of throat and lung diseases peculiar to children. I consider it an absolute cure for all such affections. and am never without it in the house." Mrs. L. E. Herman, 187 Mercer st., Jersey City, writes: "I have always found Ayer's Cherry Pectoral useful in my family." B. T. Johnson, Mt. Savage, Md., writes: "For the speedy cure of sudden Colds, and for the relief of children afflicted with Croup, I have never found anything equal to Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It is the most potent of all the remedies I have ever used." W. H. Stickler, Terre Haute, Ind., writes: "Ayer's Cherry Pectoral cured my wife of a severe lung affection, supposed to be Quick Consumption. We now regard the Pectoral as a household necessity." E. M. Breckenridge, Brainerd, Minn., writes: "I am subject to Bronchitis, and, wherever I go, am always sure to have a bottle of

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with me. It is without a rival for the cure of bronchial affections."

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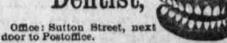
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THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, May 31. - Shortly after the arrival of Private Secretary Lamont from New York, the formal announcement was given out from the White House that the marriage of the president to Miss Frankie Folsom would take place in that historic old building next Wednesday. This announcement puts an end at last to all the romancing the gentlemen of the press have indulged in through the uncertainty that has prevailed. The matter has now left the realm of romance and come down to fact. The president will bring back from New York his prospective bride and quietly and without ostentation the wedding will take



It was the intention of the president and his fiancee to keep the matter perfectly quiet until she returned from Europe and all preparations had been made. Then the announcement was to be made, and the wedding was to take place at Buffalo or Folsomdale. The premature publicity given the matter, and the death of Miss Folsom's grandfather, changed all plans. A new program was cabled Miss Folsom, but she had already embarked for the home voyage, and did not receive the telegram. She arrived in New York in ignorance of the change and the events that had occasioned it.

It was this condition of affairs that has occasioned the secrecy and uncertainty at the White House in regard to the matter, and sent Col. Lamont on to New York and down the harbor in the revenue cutter Chandler to meet her, and inform her of the changed situation, and to ask her consent to an immediate and quiet wedding. Miss Folsom at once and cheerfully conceded to every suggestion, though, perhaps the foregoing of elaborate wedding ceremonies and the display of her magnificent trosseau purchased in Paris may have disappointed her and her girlish ambi-

At once, upon the arrangement being made with Miss Folsom, Col. Lamont took the train for Washington, and arrived here on the "newspaper train" at 11 o'clock. He had a short conference with the president, and, telling him that it was "all right," went to his home, having been up with no sleep for unless some particular catastrophe overtakes two nights, and being pretty well used up.

The fear was that some newspaper man would get at Miss Folsom first, and secure a statement from her of the situation as she understood it when she sailed, and which had all been changed while she was on the water. It is given out that the Rev. Byron Sun-

derland will officiate at the wedding. No persons will be present except the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties and the members of the cabinet and families. The honeymoon will be spent in the White house until the president's new country home on the Tennallytown road is ready, when he will take his young wife there, and together they will pass the sultry months of the summer in that most pleasant rural re-

A LUCKY MAN.

French Spoliation Claim Granted to a Poor Illinoisan.

MATTOON, Ill. May 31,-W. B. Porter, man in very humble circumstances, who is spending his declining years in Mattoon, has received from Washington news that his long-deferred hopes are soon to be realized in securing from the government payment of a claim amounting to very nearly a round \$100,000. The claim grows out of the depredations committed by she French marine on American vessels during the opening years of the present century, when war between France and the United States seemed immi-

At that time Porter's grandfather, M. W. Barrett, was the largest shipowner at New-buryport, Mass. The French destroyed vessels belonging to him valued at \$80,000. When the United States purchased Louisana the government assumed payments of all claims American citizens might have because of the French spoliations.

It was not until 1820 the Barrett's case was properly proved, Charles Sumner being the attorney, and now, after a lapse of half a century, the court of claims at Washington has allowed the claim, and the money will be paid over as soon as the necessary appropria-tion bills are passed. Porter's share in the Barrett claim is only a tenth, the other heirs being Massachusetts relatives, but the accrued interest at 6 per cent. for eighty year is enough to swell his share to the snug for tune of \$100,000.

ILLINOIS CROPS.

The Season Three Weeks Ahead-Goo Prospects-Wheat and Corn.

MACOMB, Ill., May 31.—Small showers the last few days have greatly benefitted farmers. Corn is all planted and many farmers have plowed it over once. The season is full three weeks ahead of last year, and prospect for every kind of crop are most favorable.

Never Looked Better.

MATTOON, Ill. May 31.—Wheat never looked better. The fields are beginning to put on a golden color and harvesting will be commenced in less than two weeks. Cor. planting is completed and the crop is in firclass condition.

DECATUR, Ill., May 31.-Most of the farm ers have their corn in, and the weather habeen very favorable for crops. Much of the corn is above ground, and most fields are un der good cultivation.

Needs Rah..

CANTON, Ill., May 31.-The growing corn a ids sorely in need of rain as the ground is parched and extremely dry. All the corn above ground looks well and is in good con

C., A. & C. Appraisement.

Mr. Vernon, O., May 31.—County Auditors Reinhart, of Franklin; Lingafelder, of Licking; Webster, of Delaware; McKee, of Knox; Roland, of Holmes; Peckinpaugh, o. Wayne, and Wagner, of Summit, completed their annual appraisement of the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus railroad for taxation. The main line was appraised at \$5,500, the side tracks at \$2,500, and the rolling stock at \$1,150 per mile. Auditor C. W. McKee, of this county, secured an increase of \$20,000 on the shops of the railroad company at this

A Belligerent Feeling.

TORONTO, Ont., May St.-The feeling here on the fishery question has been entirely changed, and a belligerent spirit has beearoused by the seizure of the Sisters at Portland, the reported arming of fishing vessels. the threatening talk of Boston Feniaus, are the passage of the Frye bill. The Canadian government has been urged to demand the release of the Sisters, and should such demand be refused, to apply to the imperial sovernment for a man of war to enforce the release of the vessel.

General War in Prospect.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 81 .- The trouble brewing in passenger rates to Chicago seems likely to develop into general rate cutting. Each agent declares that his line is observing the agreement. There is little doubt, how ever, that Chicago tickets can be purchased below tariff rates. St. Paul rates are also unsettled. Northwestern rates not being covered by the general managers' agreement, a repetition of last summer's war is anticipated.

Mrs. Hughes' Swag.

LOUISVILLE, May 31 .- Mrs. Mollie Hughes, the shop-lifter, who was arrested, seems to have been doing a land-office business. A search warrant was taken out yesterday and a quantity of lace worth \$7 a yard was found that had been stolen from Kauffman & Strauss several weeks ago. She had made it into a lace overdress. The case was continued in the city court until next Tuesday. To Extend.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 31.—Perties con trolling the Memphis & Little Rock railroad have decided to extend the line to Hot Springs, and ultimately to Sherman, Tex.
This project is rendered necessary by the
Missouri Pacific building a line from Bald
Knob, Ark., on the Iron Mountain railroad, to Memphis.

The Grasshopper Pest. Mr. GILEAD, O., May St.-Reports from all parts of the county lead your correspond ent to believe that myriads of small grass hoppers have lately been hatched, and that them the crops will suffer greatly.

SOME SMUGGLED SPIRITS.

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FAR NORTHWEST.

Fortunes Being Made on the Vilest Kind of "Barrel-House" Liquid Lightning Which is Disposed of at Fabulous Prices. A Startling Investigation.

WASHINGTON, May 31,-A sensation is likely to be developed soon about the state of things in Alaska. There is a law strictly prohibiting the importation of whisky, or other ardent spirits, into that territory. It has been known for some time that the territory was well supplied with the ardent and the question has been raised where it came from. The treasury department finally sent Gen. West, a special agent to Alaska, with instructions to fully investigate the matter. His report has been received here. It is a very elaborate document and full of the most sensational statements.

He claims that the importation of whisky into the territory has been a regularly organized business, and those engaged in it are reaping elaborate fortunes, and many names are mentioned in Gen. West's reports which the treasury officials are jealously guarding, as they do not wish to have anything published prematurely about it. It is claimed that the very poorest of \$1.50 whisky is smuggled into the territory and sold at from \$6 to \$8 per gallon. It is taken into the territory under various devices and labels, and when once landed is readily sold.

ANOTHER PIRATE UNDER WAY. Sailing of a Canadian Craiser to Prey or Our Fishermen.

HALIFAX, N. S., May S1 .- The sailing cruiser L. Houlett, Capt. Louvay, went co ea at 3 o'clock this afternoon, to search for trespassers, making a rather fine appearance as she bore down the harbor before a stiff northwest breeze.

She displayed Canadian colors at her mainmast, and when off Center City fired one gun.

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, May 31.-For Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky: Fair weather, nearly stationary temperature, variable winds, generally southerly.

A Poetess has a Narrow Escape. MERIDIAN, Conn., May 31,-Ella Wheeler Wilcox, the poet, around whom all literary lights of Meridian revolve, had a narrow ecape. She was out on horseback, and her animal became frightened and bolted. It dashed madly up Colony street, but Mrs. Wilcox showed great nerve and kept her seat, John W. Coe, her companion in her ride, finally succeeded in stopping the runaway before any serious consequences resulted.

A Church Sold for Debt.

NEWBURG, N. Y., May 31.-The African

To be Made Military Secretary. RHINEBLIFF, N. Y., May 31 .- The position of military secretary to the governor, which has been vacant since the death of Col. Gillett last January, and which is worth \$3,000 per year, is to be filled by the appointment of Col. Frank A. Sutton, of Peekskill, a lifelong friend of Governor Hill.

Dr. Ames Forfelts His Bond.

BOSTON, May 31.-In the United States circuit court the cases against Dr. Azer Ames, Jr., were called, but the defendant had defaulted. Dr. Ames is under indictment on several charges of corruption and malfeasance in office as examining surgeon of the pension bureau.

Athletic.

CONCORD, N. H., May 31 .- At the elevent? pring meeting of St. Paul's school athletic association yesterday. T. F. Bayard, Jr., son of Secretary Bayard, won the senior running high jump, scoring 4 feet 91/4 inches and the 120 yards hurdle race, time 22 sa.:

Mr. Butler Declines.

CHICAGO, May 31.-The friends of the Anarchists say that a letter was received yesteaday from Gen. Ben. Butler, who said that as present his time was fully occupied, but ater he might be able to take up the defense of some of those indicted.

Murdered by His Wife.

SHREVEPORT, La., May 31.—Horace Montgomery, colored, was murdered by his wife, while he was asleep in his bed. The woman chopped him literally into pieces with an ax, severing his head from his body. The cause of the act was jealousy.

Governor Hill Will Visit Boston, Boston, May 31.-Mayor O'Brien has re ceived a letter from Governor Hill, of New York, in which he declares his intention to be present at the Parliamentary Fund festi-

Snow in Vermont.

val, to be held in this city on June 17.

BURLINGTON, Vt., May 31.-Snow to the depth of several inches is reported in various towns in Northern Vermont, and fears are entertained of severe damage to the crops by

Fruit Damaged by Hail.

LANCASTER, Pa., May 31 .- A heavy hailstorm passed over Lancaster county, doing great damage, especially to growing fruit. Telegraph wires are prostrated in all direc-

Issue of Natural Gas Stock.

PITTSBURG, May 31.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Phiadelphia Natural Gas company, it was decided to issue certificates for \$1,000,000 of additional stock.

Strangled While at Dinner.

Youngsrown, O., May 31.-Joseph Walker, a wealthy bachelor, age eighty, while at dinner, was strangled by a piece of meat which logded in his throat

THE INDIAN SITUATION.

The Successes Embolden the Wily Ward

of Uncle Sam-Outrages. Tuscon, May 31.—The Indian situation is growing serious. A general outbreak from the San Carlos reservation is threatened. The continued success of the hostiles has emboldened them. There is no room for doubt that the hostiles are being largely reinforced from this reservation. Gen. Miles is very active, and is enlisting rangers from among the most determined men. A company is being enlisted here. They will take the field

at once. The people say they are getting very tired of the government maintaining a reservation in the territory which harbors a band of cut throats. Not a single Indian has been disturbed on the reservation since it was established in 1873, yet hundreds of people have been murdered since by Apaches from the reservation. Southern Arizona is now in a state of terror. The hostiles evade the troops and rangers with ease. An old pioneer ex-claimed yesterday: "In the name of God how long will the government allow our people to be murdered with, such impunity." W. P. Wemple, murdered Thursday near Greaterville, was out warning settlers. He

was shot five times. He was from Lawrence, Kan., and engaged here as superintendent of the Chicago Dry Gold Washing company.

SUBTERRANEAN FIRE.

The Grand Central Mining Property in Arizona a Total Wreck.

TOMBSTONE, Ariz., May 31.-The fire which broke out last night is still smoldering in three compartments of the shaft of the Grand Central mine. From time to time dull thuds tell that the timbers are giving way, allowing the sides to fall in, completing the work of destruction. The shaft may now be considered a total wreck, and it will be doubtless easier to sink a new shaft than

to attempt to repair this. A very heavy loss will fall upon the owners of the mine, as the machinery was of the costliest description. The pumping machinery alone cost \$175,000, while the hoisting works cost \$55,000, the sinking of the shall \$50,000, and the building cost \$10,000, making altogether \$200,000. The fire broke out in the boiler room, and it was not observed until it had made its way to the engine room, when an alarm was sounded, and an immediate flight effected in safety by all the hands employed. About 150 men are thrown out of employment.

FRED. DOUGLAS' PHILOPŒNA.

While Drawing in the Lecture Field he Also Draws Well as Recorder.

WASHINGTON, May 31 .- The office of the recorder of deeds still remains in the hands of Frederick Douglass and will remain until Mr. Matthews is either confirmed or rejected. The president has no authority to remove him during the session of the senate. There has been a very lively turn in real estate during the last two weeks. The receipts of the register's office at present net the Recorder

about \$40 a day.

Mr. Douglass is at present in Massachusetts lecturing. Since the president has nominated Methodist Episcopal church at Goshen was his successor he takes no interest in the office. sold under a judgment obtained by the Rev. The bulk of the work is done by colored Mr. Jackson, a former pastor, for unpaid subordinates. Eight colored women do most salary. The edifice was bought in by plain- of the copying and recording, and the income tiff's attorney, and an arrangement is looked continues to go to Douglass. The springtime for whereby it will be used for church pur- is the best for good receipts. Mr. Matthews will find if he should be confirmed late in the session, that Mr. Douglass has already ad the bulk of the revenues of the office for he year.

COTTON MONOPOLY.

The Press Association Admitted to the

Council to Shut Out Competition. NEW ORLEANS, May 31 .- Some time past a movement has been on foot to admit the Cotton Press association into the Cotton Men's council. By a vote of 41 to 19 the association was admitted to membership. The council is composed of cotton handlers. The association consists of press owners and capitalists. who control all but two of the twenty-four presses in the city. The object of joining in with the laboring men, it is alleged, is to form a compact so that no compress outside of this association can handle or compress

Two independent presses now pay union wages, charge less for handling cotton and claim to make money, while the association is now carryi g idle presses at a cost of \$75,-000 a year. To unload themselves of this expense and shut out independent competition would give the association a practical monopoly of the cotton business of New Or-

A Woman Captures a Burglar.

TRENTON, N. J., May 31.-The wife of W. A. Shreve, of Bordentown, succeeded in capturing a burglar to-day. The fellow had entered her house and packed up a lot of valunble watches, jewelry and other articles, and was getting ready to leave with the booty, when he was discovered, unknown to himself, by Mrs. Shreve. She immediately locked all the doors, thus preventing his egress, and then alarmed the neighborhood. The house was surrounded, and the burglar was forced to surrender at the point of a pistol. He wore a regulation state prison suit, such as is given to discharged convicts, and is supposed to be a prisoner who was discharged this morning.

. Killed by an Elevator.

CINCINNATI, May 31.-At 3 p. m. Taylor F. Bond, aged thirty-six years, colored porter at Bell, Miller & Co.'s store, Sixth and Race, was on the fourth floor looking down the elevator hatchway. He did not observe the elevator car descending, and his head was caught between it and the hatchway. His head was crushed in the most sickening manner, his forehead making a dent in the heavy frame work. Patrol No. 1 took him to the city hospital. When he arrived there he was bleeding from the ears, nose and mouth, and no hopes of his recovery ar entertained. He boarded at 260 West Seventh street.

Killed With a Pin,

CHICAGO, May 31.-Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Thorn, of London, reached this country t weeks ago on a trip of pleasure and bus. .. Mr. Thorn is a well known English disali. At Washington Mrs. Thorn slight, acratched her hand with a small black pin. After arriving here there began to be some pain in the affected spot and yesterday the lady died from blood poisoning. She was about forty years of age.